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BALKAN PEACE ENVOYS IN SUMPTUOUS QUARTERS

All Chambers in St. James's Palace Will Be at Their Disposal.

CONFERENCE DE LUXE

It Will Be Held in Picture Gallery—"Alexandra Day" Fund Scandal.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Workmen have been busy all week putting the "Court of St. James's" in order for the peace delegates who are to settle the Balkan war and its vexatious questions. Only a small permanent staff of servants is now kept at St. James's Palace, the state rooms of which are now only used for levees. All of these will be put at the disposal of the Balkan peace delegates, including the grand chamber, the tapestry room, Queen Anne's drawing room, the ante-drawing room, the throne room, the picture gallery and the armory. They are sumptuously furnished. They are lined with royal portraits and give the impression of great richness and splendor. The state rooms are connected with doorways, forming a continuous gallery.

The conference will not take place in the throne room, but in the picture gallery, which is a magnificent chamber, lofty and spacious. The gilded walls are covered with portraits by Lely, Reynolds, Kneller, Holbein and Hoppner. Thickly carpeted runners run round the room. The mouldings and cornices were designed by Sir Christopher Uren.

The last great state function at St. James's was the marriage of the present King and Queen. The palace, however, is not without tenants. Many officials of the royal household live there, including Lord Knollys, the King's secretary, and Sir Frederick Ponsonby. It contains the Lord Chamberlain's office, the King's chief cook and butler and the comptroller of the kitchen have rooms there and so have the Yeoman Guard and the Honorable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms.

The task of engaging rooms for the peace delegates while they are in London has been difficult, as the chief hotels are full and they only managed to accommodate the delegates by sheltering other guests elsewhere.

The Balkan embassies and legations have been overwhelmed with work preparing for the conference, but the strain has been greater nowhere than at Scotland Yard, officials of which have had to arrange to keep every delegate under regular and constant surveillance. An elaborate system of checks, countersigns, countersigns and countersigns has been arranged for use at St. James's Palace to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access to the rooms used by the delegates.

Whispers of an unpleasant scandal are being heard concerning the fund collected on "Alexandra Day." It may be recalled how the day was observed last season when hundreds of society women and others, including many bearing titles, went about the streets of London with roses for the benefit of the London hospitals. The hospitals to which certain amounts were allotted now complain that they have not as yet received anything. Some of those whose staffs of nurses and doctors made very successful sales of flowers have applied to have what they themselves collected, but they have received no reply from those who were in charge. It is now being asked why all this delay is necessary when the money was collected in cash and there was no administrative work beyond getting the bills for expenses and distributing the balance.

Charges are also made that the fund seems to be continually shrinking. Large amounts were undoubtedly collected by many individuals as there were thousands of sellers all over greater London. Thirty thousand pounds (\$150,000) was considered a conservative estimate of the likely result.

Soon after the collection was made the daily newspapers announced that the total was twenty-seven thousand pounds (\$135,000), which those in charge did not contradict. In July a statement appeared that the amount was seventeen thousand pounds (\$85,000), from which five thousand pounds (\$25,000) had to be deducted for expenses. The latter amount was much criticised, as practically all the work was voluntary and gratis.

The latest official announcement was the list of appointments to the various hospitals. This totaled only ten thousand pounds (\$50,000), and, as was said, some of the hospitals on the list have not yet been touched.

The talk has been rife for many weeks and the current issue of the World was the first to publish anything about the matter. It says that the hospitals may well be anxious to see the money, for at this rate in another six months it will all have distributed itself automatically in some other direction.

The hearing of the arbitration between the National Telephone Company and the Postmaster-General arising out of the transfer of the telephone system to the State was concluded on Thursday. It began on Monday, when the amount claimed by the National Telephone Company was \$105,000,000 (21,000,000 pounds sterling), probably the largest claim ever heard in the law courts. Intermediate agreements between the parties during the arbitration hearing reduced this sum, but the amount still in dispute totals about \$40,000,000, upon which the court will make an award.

The other figures in the case are also enormous. The official stenographer's notes have been transcribed and printed in quarto volumes which exceed 5,000 pages. Sir Alfred Cripps, the company's leading counsel, made a twelve days' speech of 500,000 words.

Major C. S. Ford



Major Ford has organized and superintended the work of fighting cholera among the Turkish soldiers at Salonica. On leave of absence he found himself in Constantinople when the Balkan war broke out and he voluntarily took up the work that was so badly needed. The United States Government, realizing his ability, attached him to Constantinople when his leave of absence expired so that he could continue the fight against the ravages of the plague.

notes cost \$15,000. The total cost of the arbitration was about \$1,800,000.

Earl Russell's conversion to socialism, recently announced in The Sun, does not excite much wonder in England. A man of exceptional promise in his youth, he never accomplished much. As a schoolboy at Winchester he once led the chapel during a recital of the Athanasian Creed. The headmaster did not argue the religious point, but the incident was not repeated, as a flogging was promised for another such breach. At Oxford, where at Balliol he was under Benjamin Jowett, Russell became an ardent Buddhist and then an extreme ritualist. Leaving Oxford he became an electrical engineer, but declined to use the title.

QUEEN MARY SPENDS \$4,000 A YEAR FOR DRESSES

Tailor Who Charged \$45 for One Lost Her Trade—\$1,000 for Hats.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—Queen Mary, although she spends much more on dress now than she did as Princess of Wales, still spends less than the consort of any other great European sovereign. She makes her dresses last longer than her modistes like and she goes through the bills with her chief dresser, who is thoroughly familiar with the profits of great dressmakers.

Queen Mary buys between forty and fifty gowns in a year. For her morning gowns she seldom pays more than \$125. Her evening gowns rarely cost more than \$200. She wears a morning costume frequently a couple of dozen times before it is put out of the wardrobe and an evening dress about a dozen times. There are ladies of the royal household who never wear an evening gown more than three times, and frequently but once.

Queen Mary's expenditure on gowns alone rarely exceeds \$1,000 in the year. This is less by at least \$1,250 than the sum annually spent on dresses by, say, the Queen of Spain, the German Empress or the Czarina. For her serge dresses, and she scarcely ever wears any other sort of costume when she is at York cottage or Balmoral, the Queen pays but \$35. A tailor who sent in a bill for two walking costumes, one of blue serge and the other of Scotch tweed, charged at \$45 each, was promptly paid, but lost the royal custom.

On hats the Queen spends less than \$1,000 a year. She has paid \$100 for a hat, but not often. Her expenditure on footwear runs to about \$300. She buys a couple of dozen pairs of boots and half a dozen shoes in the course of the year. For the latter she pays \$20 a pair.

The Queen's underwear fills three large linen chests at Buckingham Palace and \$25,000 would be a fairly accurate estimate of its value.

Queen Mary's furs include three sets of sable stoles, four sable coats lined with ermine and one sealskin coat lined with sable. One of the sable coats was a present from the Czarina. It is a magnificent garment and is worth quite \$10,000.

LONDON SOCIETY FOLK HELP MANY CHARITIES

Merry Round of Functions in Aid of the Sick and the Poor.

C. W. MORSE TO TAKE CURE

Goes to Wiesbaden With His Wife—Mayer Plans Pavlova Tour Here.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Society continues to be occupied with the various charitable functions. There was a big dramatic musical on Thursday afternoon at Lady Henry's place at Carlton Gardens. Among the patronesses were Princess Louise, Mrs. Asquith, Mrs. Lewis Harcourt, Lady Speyer, Mrs. Winston Churchill and the Duchess of Marlborough, who has returned to London from a visit to Lord and Lady Esher and Methel at Stanway Park. The entertainment was in behalf of the Whitfield Day Nursery, Creche.

The Duchess of Marlborough presided on Thursday at a Christmas festival for poor children in the East End, which was held at the People's Palace, Millend road. On the same day she acted as one of the patronesses at a concert given in aid of the Gladstone Maternity Charity, which was given at the Countess of Ellesmere's Brickwater House.

The Countess of Aberdeen and Miss Violet Asquith will pay a short visit to Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce in Washington after Christmas. Miss Violet is the eldest daughter of the Premier. She is well cultivated and popular in society and has been prominent at many big government functions, acting as hostess when Mrs. Asquith was not present. She is a good speaker and is quite at home on the platform. She is said to be in sympathy with the suffragist cause and might join the ranks but for her father's position.

It is well known that Mrs. Asquith used to be in keen sympathy with the suffragists, but the attacks on Premier Asquith and the smashing of windows in her house in Cavendish Square cooled her friendships.

Sir Charles H. A. F. L. Ross and Lady Ross are going to the United States. The latter, who is a Kentucky lady (Patricia Burnley Ellison of Louisville), does not care for society and is devoted to country life. She has been a great worker for the cause of charity since coming to this country, often singing to aid such movements. She has an excellent voice, which was trained in Paris. Sir Charles Ross is clever and versatile and is the inventor of a famous rifle. He is a very wealthy landowner, having from 200,000 to 400,000 acres in Scotland and almost as much in Canada. He also has considerable property in China.

Sir Charles Ross spends most of their time in Scotland. The impresario Daniel Mayer of Montreal will sail on the steamer George Washington on December 15 with a complete power of attorney from Mile. Pavlova, the Russian dancer. He will look over the field in the United States from New York to San Francisco, with a view of arranging a Pavlova tour, probably in 1914. If he succeeds in making the necessary arrangements he will have Pavlova and thirty-four other dancers, including Novikoff, and an orchestra of ninety. This company will tour the United States for six months and will then go to South America. The repertoire will include two new ballets arranged by Fokine, which will be produced in Berlin on December 25. This will be Mr. Mayer's first trip since he took over Mische Elman, the Russian violinist, in 1909.

The Earl and Countess of Donoughmore (Elena Grace of New York) will shortly take up their residence at the Beacon, a beautiful place in Sussex. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Drummond (Mrs. Marshall Field), who are now in London, will stay here for some time. They had a large shooting party, which has just broken up, at Cadland, their country place near Southampton. Their guests were the Princess of Pleiss, Mrs. Charles Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Potter, Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis West and their son, Marshall Field.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, after visiting the Dowager Duchess at Brookham Park, have returned to Floors Castle, where there will be the usual big Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morse departed for Wiesbaden this week. Mr. Morse will take the cure.

Maxine Elliott has become an ardent devotee of tennis. She plays every afternoon and is attributing her excellent condition to the sport.

The engagement is announced of Clemens Catesby Jones of Richmond, Va., to Marian, daughter of Wilson Nobles of Barkham Manor, Wokingham; also of the Hon. Marion Ashton, niece of the Right Hon. James Bryce, Ambassador at Washington, to Capt. Robert Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. M. Cardeza, Hon. W. E. Edge, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Glasgow, T. Laverton Harris, Mrs. Newlin Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lauder, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Munn, Sir Wilfrid and Miss Peck, Joseph Riching, C. M. Rolker, Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, Col. J. M. Tarafa, the Countess of Erroll and J. R. Barton Willing were passengers on the Lusitania, which sailed for New York to-day.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A woman dentist named Sutoris of Hamburg is exhibiting a talking cat named Peter, which is creating as great a sensation among scientists and the public generally as the famous horse Hans.

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DOLLS OF ALL NATIONS HOUSED IN TROADERO

Unique Museum Contains Types Gowned in Great Geographicality.

SOME EVEN HAVE A "PAST"

Latest Editions Were Brought From War Scenes in Bulgaria.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.
PARIS, Dec. 6.—A little known institution, the dolls' museum, has recently been housed, sumptuously if a little sadly, in that melancholy monument, the Trocadero. Hitherto it has been lodged in the Rue Gay-Lussac, in the top story of the Musee Pedagogique.

The dolls, of course, have a purpose in life, or they would not be given official quarters. They are almost functional in their dignity, while the gorgeousness of their clothing would shame even the most decorated official. This one wears the costume of Alsacia, that of Brittany or Lorraine. Here is a Siamese doll, there an Egyptian. It is a gallery of "human" dolls (if the expression may be allowed), absorbing in its interest.

Another touching or amusing attachment to some dolls. In one corner of the museum is a collection of Balkan dolls. The other day a young and pretty Parisienne, who had married a Bulgarian, brought to the museum a number of dolls that she had snatched, as it were, from the battlefield. She had gone to join her husband, called to the colors, and when she arrived he was dead—killed in battle or assassinated by roving bands of the enemy.

A few days later an infant was born. Fleeing the country that had now become unbearable, the widow arrived in Paris, and carried to Mile. Marie Koenig, who is the founder of the Musee des Bonnetes, a number of beautiful dolls clothed in Balkan costumes. Even in her troubles she had not forgotten the interesting and delightful dolls' house of the Rue Gay-Lussac.

Mile Koenig is the good mother of the little inhabitants under the roof of the institution. She takes a personal pride in her charges, knows their individual history.

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PARIS MAY TAX FOREIGNERS.

Bill to Levy on Residents at Hotels and Apartments.

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PARIS, Dec. 14.—Municipal Councillor Bender has introduced a proposal that all foreigners remaining in Paris over three months shall pay a minimum tax of 10 and 5 per cent on their rent, whether they live at a hotel or in an apartment.

DECORATIONS FOR EVERYBODY.

1,700,000 Frenchmen Have Right to Wear Bit of Ribbon.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—That the French are a beribboned nation is well known, but the revolutionists that there are no less than 1,700,000 decorations of one sort or another among the citizens of the French republic comes as a bit of a shock.

It means that about one in every twenty citizens have the right to display a colored ribbon or button in their lapels.

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It is only because November and December up to a few days ago were unseasonably warm that we were able to buy these Furs under the market. For it is a new stock, made up for the most part in November and showing the very latest styles.

Coats are of Leipzig dyed Persian lamb, of nearsleal, caracal, blended marmots and squirrel, mole and mole cone, Hudson seal; a few of dyed Russian pony and also a few fur-lined Coats and motor Coats for women.

The Scarfs and Muffs are of a wide variety of the most popular Furs, and it is worth noting that THESE CAN BE MADE UP IN MATCHING SETS WHEN DESIRED.

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\$120 Coats at \$60.	\$18 Scarfs at \$9.00.	\$20 Muffs at \$10.00.
\$130 Coats at \$65.	\$18 Scarfs at \$9.00.	\$20 Muffs at \$10.
\$135 Coats at \$67.50.	\$20 Scarfs at \$10.00.	\$25 Muffs at \$12.50.
\$165 Coats at \$82.50.	\$20 Scarfs at \$10.00.	\$30 Muffs at \$15.00.
\$180 Coats at \$90.	\$25 Scarfs at \$12.50.	\$30 Muffs at \$15.
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\$235 Coats at \$117.50.	\$30 Scarfs at \$15.	
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